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SUBJ: FAA SECTION 32: POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: (A) STATE 068545; (B) LISBON 1499

1. REF (B), WHICH DESCRIBED POLITICAL CRIMES AND STATUS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PORTUGAL, SHOULD BE DISREGARDED IN WAKE OF COUP D'ETAT BY MILITARY ON APRIL 25. NEW REGIME, CALLING ITSELF JUNTA OF NATIONAL SALVATION, HAS ABOLISHED CENSORSHIP; DISSOLVED POLITICAL COURTS; ENDED BAN ON MEETINGS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS; DISBANDED SECURITY POLICE AND PARA-POLICE ORGANIZATIONS; AND RELEASED ALL REPEAT ALL OF APPROXIMATELY 200 PERSONS AWAITING TRIAL OR SERVING SENTENCES FOR POLITICAL OFFENSES.

2. ON OTHER HAND, MILITARY ARE DETAINING FORMER PRESIDENT THOMAZ, FORMER PRIME MINISTER CAETANO, AND FORMER DEFENSE AND INTERIOR MINISTERS ON ISLAND OF MADEIRA (WHERE THEY ARE REPORTEDLY COMFORTABLY INSTALLED IN GOVERNOR'S MANSION). MILITARY HAS ALSO ARRESTED HUNDREDS OFFICIALS, AGENTS, AND INFORMERS OF SECURITY POLICE (DGS) AND
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PORTUGUESE LEGION. (IN SOME CASES SUCH PERSONS TURNED

THEMSELVES IN OR WERE DETAINED FOR THEIR OWN PROTECTION).
JUNTA HAS PROMISED THESE PERSONSWILL BE RELEASED, OR
TRIED IN ORDINARY CRIMINAL COURTS, AS APPROPRIATE.

3. COMMENT: IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE WE WILL BE
ABLE FRAME DEFINITIVE ANSWERS TO POINTS RAISED IN
REF (A), BUT IT APPEARS AT MOMENT THAT PORTUGAL DOES
NOT REPEAT NOT NOW COME WITHIN PURVIEW OF FAA SECTION 32.
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